



2016 LITERARY EVENTS

Presented to the public as part of the 46th Annual Workshops of the Community of Writers

EVENTS ARE HELD IN SQUAW VALLEY SKI RESORT'S OLYMPIC HOUSE, 1991 SQUAW VALLEY ROAD. AFTERNOON EVENTS IN BAR ONE, EVENING EVENTS (5:30 AND LATER) IN PLAZA BAR* Every event is open to the public. Events are free to attend except the Special Events (sidebar)

TUESDAY JULY 26

- 1:00 Craft Talk: "The Germs (of stories, that is): From Where Do Stories Emerge?" by **Tom Barbash**
- 2:00 Panel: "Telling Truth through Fiction: Transmuting 'Real' Events into Imaginative Fiction" with **Rhoda Huffey, Joanne Meschery, Victoria Patterson** and **Amy Tan** - moderated by **Jane Ciabattari**
- 3:00 Panel: "The Historical Novel" with **Sands Hall, Edie Meidav, Gregory Spatz,** and **Mary Volmer** - moderated by **Jason Roberts**
- 4:00 "The Writing Community, Prizes and the Life of the Writer: **Jane Ciabattari** in conversation with **Oscar Villalon**"
- 5:30 Short Takes Staff Readings: **Mark Childress, Natalie Serber, Andrew Tonkovich,** and **Mary Volmer**
- 7:30 Panel: "The Big Nonfiction Book: Conquering Research to Find the Story" with **Jason Roberts, Héctor Tobar, Jordan Fisher Smith** and **Dava Sobel** - moderated by **Julia Flynn Siler**

WEDNESDAY JULY 27

- 1:00 Craft Talk: "The Construction of a Nonfiction Narrative" by **Dava Sobel**
- 2:00 Panel: "Humor, Voice, Character and Subtext" with **Mark Childress, Dana Johnson, Anne Lamott, Matt Sumell** - moderated by **Andrew Tonkovich**
- 3:00 Panel: "The Heart of Memoir" with **Anne Lamott, Natalie Serber, Jane Vandenburg-** moderated by **Sands Hall**
- 5:30 Short Takes Staff Readings with **Edie Meidav, Jason Roberts, Julia Flynn Siler, Gregory Spatz**
- 7:30 Staff read & talk about their work: **Dana Johnson, Anne Lamott, Matt Sumell, Héctor Tobar**

THURSDAY JULY 28

- 1:00 Panel: "Book Editors" with **Reagan Arthur, Erika Goldman, Joy Johannessen, Calvert Morgan, Jack Shoemaker** - moderated by **Michael Carlisle**

THURSDAY JULY 28 (CONTINUED)

- 2:00 Panel: "Literary Agents" with **Noah Ballard, Joy Harris, and BJ Robbins** - moderated by **Joy Johannessen**
- 3:00 "Journals We Edit, Journals We Read," with **Oscar Villalon** and **Andrew Tonkovich**
- 5:30 Published Alumni Reading: **Stephanie Kegan, Nayomi Munaweera, Marian Palaia, Juan Alvarado Valdivia, Heather Young** - Introduced by **Matt Sumell**
- 7:30 A Writers' Tribute to Alan Cheuse: Various readings, music and tributes by staff. All are welcome!

FRIDAY JULY 29 - No events scheduled

SATURDAY JULY 30

- 1:00 "You Must Read This: The Narrative Technique Which Stopped You In Your Tracks," various staff will read excerpts and discuss
- 2:00 Panel: "Adaptation" with **Craig Bolotin, Héctor Tobar, Mark Childress, Nancy Kelly, Amy Tan** - moderated by: **Louis B. Jones**
- 3:00 Panel: "Silence, Cunning, Exile: The Risks and Rewards of Untraditional Narratives" with **Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Louis B. Jones, Michelle Latiolais, and Al Young** - moderated by **Andrew Tonkovich**
- 5:30 Short Takes Staff Readings with **Lisa Alvarez, Rhoda Huffey, Victoria Patterson** and **Al Young**
- 7:30 Staff read and talk about their work: **Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Michelle Latiolais, Kirstin Valdez Quade, Elizabeth Tallent**

SUNDAY JULY 31

- 1:00 Craft Talk: "The Knowing Character and Other Craft Notes" by **Ron Carlson**
- 2:00 Panel: "The Craft of Writing the Short Story" with **Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Ron Carlson, Kirstin Valdez Quade** and **Elizabeth Tallent** - moderated by **Thomas Barbash**
- 3:00 Panel: "Writing Beyond The Conference" with **Victoria Patterson, Rhoda Huffey, Julia Flynn Siler** - moderated by **Lisa Alvarez**

MONDAY AUGUST 1

- 9:30 The Closing Talk by **Amy Tan**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Writers Read and Discuss Their Work & Sign Books

Suggested Donation: \$20 per person/\$8 student (tax-deductible) Please make a reservation at <https://communityofwriters.org/publicevents/> or call (530) 584-6136 or info@communityofwriters.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 * 7:30 PM



DANA JOHNSON
In the Not Quite Dark
Break Any Woman Down
Elsewhere, California

ANNE LAMOTT
Operating Instructions
Bird by Bird
Help, Thanks, Wow



MATT SUMELL
Making Nice



HECTOR TOBAR
Deep Down Dark: The Untold
Stories of 33 Men Buried in a
Chilean Mine and the Miracle
that Set Them Free
The Barbarian Nurseries

SATURDAY, JULY 30 * 7:30 PM



SARA SHUN-LIEN BYNUM
Ms. Hempel Chronicles
Madeleine Is Sleeping

MICHELLE LATIOLAIS
She
A Proper Knowledge
Widow



KIRSTIN VALDEZ QUADE
Night at the Fiestas

ELIZABETH TALLENT
Mendocino Fire
Museum Pieces
In Constant Flight



*Please Note: if it is hot, the evening events may be moved outside. Please dress in layers. Events subject to change. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

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PUBLISHED ALUMNI SERIES:

The Community of Writers is delighted to celebrate the success of these writers and to present them to the participants, staff, and the public.

This event is supported by Noel Corngold and Emily Adelson Corngold.



STEPHANIE KEGAN is the author of the novel *Golden State*, published by Simon & Schuster in February, 2015. Her previous books include *The Baby*, a novel published by the Berkley Publishing Group and *Places to Go with Children in Southern California* (six editions) published by Chronicle Books. Her nonfiction has appeared in *Self*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, *the Los Angeles Times* and elsewhere. She lives in Los Angeles. She attended the Community of Writers in 2003 and 2005. www.stephaniekegan.com



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NAYOMI MUNAWEERA's debut novel, *Island of a Thousand Mirrors*, won the Commonwealth Regional Prize for Asia and was short-listed for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature and the Northern California Book Prize. She lives in Oakland, California. Her second novel, *What Lies Between Us*, was released in February 2016. She attended the Community of Writers in 2011 and 2012. www.nayomimunaweera.com



HEATHER YOUNG's debut novel, *The Lost Girls*, will be published in summer 2016 by William Morrow/HarperCollins. She lives in Northern California with her husband and two children. After receiving her law degree from the University of Virginia, she practiced law in San Francisco for a number of years before beginning her writing career in 2009. She received an MFA from the Bennington Writing Seminars in 2011, and continued her education at the Community of Writers in 2013. www.heatheryoungwriter.com



MARIAN PALAIA is the author of *The Given World*, which was published by Simon and Schuster in 2015. Born in Riverside, California, she has lived in San Francisco (on and off) since 1985. Other places she has lived include Montana, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City, and Nepal, where she was a Peace Corps volunteer. She has been a teacher, a truck driver and a bartender. At one time she was the littlest logger in Lincoln, Montana. www.marianpalaia.com

PUBLICATIONS BY FEATURED AUTHORS

THOMAS BARBASH:

The Last Good Chance, On Top of the World, Stay Up With Me

SARAH SHUN-LIEN BYNUM:

Ms. Hemple Chronicles, Madeleine is Sleeping

RON CARLSON:

Ron Carlson Writes a Story, Return to Oakpine, Five Skies, The Hotel Eden: Stories

MARK CHILDRESS:

Crazy in Alabama, Gone for Good, One Mississippi, Georgia Bottoms, V for Victor, Tender

JANE CIABATTARI:

California Tales, Stealing the Fire

SANDS HALL:

Catching Heaven, Fair Use, Tools of the Writer's Craft

RHODA HUFFEY:

The Hallelujah Side

DANA JOHNSON:

In the Not Quite Dark; Elsewhere, California; Break Any Woman Down

LOUIS B. JONES:

Ordinary Money, Particles and Luck, California's Over, Radiance, Innocence

ANNE LAMOTT:

Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year; Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life; Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith; Help, Thanks, Wow

MICHELLE LATIOLAIS:

She, Even Now, A Proper Knowledge, Widow

EDIE MEIDAV:

Lola, California; Crawl Space

JOANNE MESCHERY:

In a High Place, A Gentlemen's Guide to the Frontier, Home and Away

VICTORIA PATTERSON:

The Little Brother, The Peerless Four, This Vacant Paradise, Drift

KIRSTIN VALDEZ QUADE:

Night at the Fiestas

JASON ROBERTS:

A Sense of the World: How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveler, Every Living Thing (forthcoming)

NATALIE SERBER:

Community Chest, Shout Her Lovely Name

JULIA FLYNN SILER:

The House of Mondavi; Lost Kingdom: Hawaii's Last Queen, the Sugar Kings and America's First Imperial Adventure

JORDAN FISHER SMITH:

Nature Noir, Engineering Eden

DAVA SOBEL:

Longitude, Galileo's Daughter, The Planets, A More Perfect Heaven

GREGORY SPATZ:

Half as Happy, Inukshuk, Fiddler's Dream

MATT SUMELL:

Making Nice

ELIZABETH TALLENT:

Museum Pieces, In Constant Flight, Time with Children, Honey, Mendocino Fire

AMY TAN:

The Joy Luck Club, The Kitchen God's Wife, The Hundred Secret Senses, The Bonesetter's Daughter, Saving Fish from Drowning, The Opposite of Fate, Valley of Amazement

HECTOR TOBAR:

The Barbarian Nurseries; Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine and the Miracle that Set Them Free; The Tattooed Soldier; Translation Nation

JANE VANDENBURGH:

Failure to Zigzag, The Physics of Sunset, Architecture of the Novel: A Writer's Handbook, The Pocket History of Sex in the 20th Century, The Wrong Dog Dream: A True Romance

MARY VOLMER:

Crown of Dust; Reliance, Illinois.

AL YOUNG:

22 Moon Poems, October Variations, Love Offline, Something About the Blues, Inland Nights and Coastal Afternoons